Pokkuvaravu in respect of lands partitioned under registered deeds.

110. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether objection is raised by the Revenue authorities to the transfer of registry of holdings divided under registered partition deeds on the plea that every member, or any one claiming to be a member, of a family or *tarwad* is not a party to the deed;

(*b*) the name of the person from whom this objection now originated; and

(*c*) whether the question has engaged the attention of the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The correspondence on the question was started by Mr. T. Sankaranarayana Aiyar, while he was Tahsildar of Neyyattinkara taluk.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Reform of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

111. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the action, if any, they have taken or propose to take in the matter of reforming the constitution of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and of putting it on a statutory basis?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is under consideration.

The Balamore Road.

112. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (1) Are the Government aware that certain portions of the Balamore road between Nagercoil and Azhakiapandipuram where wheeled traffic is the heaviest are in the worst condition possible?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not metalling the worst portions of the Balamore road although it is more than six months since the required metal has been stored in the respective places?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) It is reported that certain portions of the Balamore road between Nagercoil and Azhakiapandipuram are bad.

(2) No steam road-roller was available.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): With reference to the answer to part (1) of the question, *viz.*,

"It is reported that certain portions of the Balamore road between Nagercoil and Azhakiapandipuram are bad."

I wish to know how long the road was in that condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information at present.

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MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): With reference to the same answer, may I know whether certain portions of the road between Nagercoil and Azhakiapandipuram, where wheeled traffic is heavy, are in the worst condition? The answer is, certain portions of the road are *bad*. I wish to know whether they are aware that certain portions are in the *worst* condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of relative opinion whether these roads are bad, worse or worst

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): I want just to know whether they are aware that the roads are in the worst condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In that road there must be some portions which are in the worst condition.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): The answer is that they are bad.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already said that it is a matter of relative opinion.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): In the Preliminary Budget I come to know that provision is made for remetalling the remaining portions of the Balmore road, 1 to 8 miles, the worst portion.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): As I said before, in the same road some portions will be in a worse condition than others.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): I just wanted to know whether they were bad or worse?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion. Action is being taken to put the road in order.

MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): The answer to part (2) of the question is —

"No steam road roller was available".

The estimate for remetalling these roads was sanctioned on 19-10-1928. Since then 8 months have elapsed. Why could not the Chief Engineer give them steam rollers?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The few rollers that are available are meant for all the roads in the State. One of the steam rollers was utilised for work on a relatively more urgent portion of the M. S. road. Soon after, it got out of order, and it had to be sent back for repairs. The Chief Engineer now reports that the work will be over in a month.

Rajakkamangalam-Eraniel Road.

113. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Pannivaikkal bridge on the 7th mile of the Rajakkamangalam-Eraniel road was destroyed;

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